## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: Auto Rack Railway Car

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## RESPONSE

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Sir

In response to the Office action of April 21, 2006, a Notice of Appeal was filed. That appeal is withdrawn, and a Request for Continued Examination is filed contemporaneously herewith.

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